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- 10:30 a.m. Rosalind Groenewoud will go for the inaugural gold in women's ski halfpipe. **GREG DOWNS/FOR METRO**

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## CANADA'S GOLDEN GIRLS

The team from Canada CAN-1, pilot Kaillie Humphries, left, and brakeman Heather Moyse, celebrate their gold-medal win after the women's bobsled competition at the 2014 Winter Olympics Wednesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. Olympic coverage on pages 30-32. **MICHAEL SOHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Wrong side of the tracks

**Stone's throw.** Even though families live close to schools doesn't mean children can attend



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Living a stone's throw away from one of the city's newest schools doesn't mean Edmonton father Trevor Jank will be walking his son to kindergarten there this September.

Jank is just one of thousands of parents who had their neighbourhood school boundaries changed Tuesday as part of an Edmonton Public School board effort to address overcrowding.

"I could probably throw a rock from my driveway and hit the school," Jank said about Esther Starkman, the K-9 school a three-minute

walk from his house.

"And yet I have to put my four-year-old on a bus to go 60 minutes to school."

Following the public school board's decision, all children living in Terwilliger South will no longer be eligible to attend Starkman — built in 2010 — but will have to travel upwards of a 60-minute bus ride to Lansdowne School.

Living just two houses down from the zone separating Esther Starkman designation with Lansdowne designation, Jank said the decision is disturbing.

"I think I owe it to my son to have him go to Esther Starkman, but the reality is he will have to go to this Lansdowne School," he added.

According to EPSB's district managing director Lorne Parker, using a walking radius approach to determine school boundaries wasn't a viable option for the city.

"That process has been

tried and doesn't really work that effectively," Parker explained, adding the school board uses a natural boundary to clearly define a school's zone.

"When you use a radius approach, you solve maybe one issue where you would capture a bunch of houses that would be closer to the school in a radius, but you are also cutting off streets and backyards."

Parker added that the school district was aware some parents would be unhappy with their latest decision, but due to the city's massive population growth, tough decisions had to be made.

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The number of children affected by EPSB's latest decision

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A protester runs in front of a flaming barricade during clashes with police outside Ukraine's parliament in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Tuesday. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Ukrainians in Edmonton worry over Kyiv violence

**'I wish I could do something.'** Many locals concerned about relatives, cautiously optimistic about truce



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Glued to the television and social media, Edmontonian Natalia Niklevich has been worried for the safety of her family living in Ukraine during ongoing political protests.

Niklevich — who immigrated to Edmonton from

Ukraine 22 years ago — has been in constant contact with a cousin who escaped the Kyiv protests and found safety in Lviv, which is about six hours from the capital city.

"I wish I could do something. I just want people to know what happened," Niklevich said. "It seems to me Western people don't really know what's going on."

News of a truce brought some hope to Canadians after at least 25 people were killed and more than 200 people were injured Tuesday night during violent demonstrations.

Nearly three months of anti-government protests have paralyzed Kyiv. President

Viktor Yanukovich's government is locked in a deep struggle with the opposition over the identity of their nation, which is divided in its loyalties between Russia and the West.

Cal Dallas, Alberta's minister of international and intergovernmental relations, issued a statement Wednesday saying the Ukraine protests "continue to deeply disturb me and all Albertans" and that the violence needs to stop.

"We support the Government of Canada's appeal to the Ukrainian government to work with the opposition and demonstrators to respond to their legitimate calls for dem-

## Details

About 46 million people live in Ukraine.

- There are more than one million people of Ukrainian descent in Canada.
- Kyiv protests have gone on for nearly three months.

ocracy and an end to this political crisis."

A "Prayers for Ukraine" event was held at a local church Wednesday night for Edmontonians to show their support.

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## Finances, funding. Art Gallery aims to do 'a little better'

The Art Gallery of Alberta has a three-year lifeline as it tries to get on stronger financial footing, but city councillors want the institution to do more to help itself.

The gallery will get \$350,000 from the Edmonton Arts Council this year, \$300,000 in 2015 and \$250,000 in 2016. The arts council receives most of its funding from the city and these funds will come on top of the \$1.125 million the city gives the gallery every year.

Since it opened, the gallery has struggled to hit targets from corporate sponsorships and other revenues, forcing it to rely on government grants.

Board chair Barry Zalmanowitz told councillors they are constantly trying to improve all aspects of the operation to bring in more revenue.

"We can do everything a little better than we are doing it now," he said, adding the gallery's goal is to develop plans so it no longer needs the money from the arts council when it runs out in three years.

Coun. Mike Nickel questioned why the city and the gallery weren't moving more quickly to resolve the issue. "Should there not be a greater sense of urgency to get these issues addressed?"

Coun. Ben Henderson said reducing the programming would be disappointing, because the gallery was built as a major institution.

"That would be very far away from why we built the building in the first place," he said. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

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## July event. Spartan Race still looking for a location in Edmonton

Runners in the popular Spartan Race typically have to tackle big obstacles, but event officials are coming up against their own roadblocks in finding a suitable Edmonton location.

The five-kilometre race — which attracted 5,600 runners last year — is scheduled for July 5 and 6, but organizers still need a location to host the event that's expected to draw in about 15,000 racers and spectators.

"We're having difficulty and we really want to be in Edmonton. The people seem to be behind it but we're not getting the support we'd like to see from the city," said Dean Stanton, regional director for Western Canada, adding possible locations are still being discussed within Edmonton.

City officials say they have requested Spartan Race organizers submit a full proposal, which needs to outline issues like parking and environmental impact.



A participant in the Spartan Race.  
EPIC ACTION PICTURES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We're very protective of the River Valley," said Karen McDonnell, communications advisor with the city. "We wouldn't allow any group to permanently damage (the River Valley)."

Race organizers say they're more than willing to work with the city to make sure the race has little to no impact on the environment.

"The demand is there. All we need is to get it rolling right now," said Stanton.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



Premier Alison Redford's executive assistant Brad Stables billed the province \$9,000 for 42 nights in the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# Redford aide racks up \$9K in hotel bills

### Crime

## Cops warn of counterfeit money

An increase in counterfeit money has been circulating around Edmonton businesses, according to police, who are warning merchants to check serial numbers on \$50 US bills.

A total of 21 counterfeit bills containing similar serial numbers have been used at Edmonton-area businesses.

The serial numbers found on the bogus bills are: JG58874300A, JG6663460A and JG6663461A.

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### Highway 63

## Semi-truck drivers killed in head-on collision

Two people are dead following a fiery crash involving semi trucks on Highway 63.

RCMP say the two semis were travelling in opposite directions and crashed head-on.

One of the trucks was hauling diesel fuel and burst into flames.

Both drivers died.

About four or five other vehicles — another semi and some pickup trucks — hit the ditch to avoid the crash but no one else was injured. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Documents.** Brad Stables lodges at the high-end Fairmont Hotel Macdonald when away from his Calgary home

Premier Alison Redford's executive assistant is billing Alberta taxpayers more than \$200 a night to stay at one of Edmonton's ritziest hotels, according to government records.

Travel receipts posted online indicate that Brad Sta-

bles has billed the province more than \$9,000 to stay 42 nights at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald since he assumed the job last spring.

Most nights it cost \$201.06 to put him up in the provincial capital, though the bill last Oct. 29 was \$399 without explanation.

Redford's spokeswoman, Neala Barton, said in an email that the Edmonton hotel tab is good value for money, given that Stables lives in Calgary and that the province has a cut-rate deal at the hotel.

"(Stables) calls the Cal-

### By the numbers

## \$1,000

Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil went on the same trip as Redford to South Africa for under \$1,000.

gary area home, so never charges the taxpayer for accommodations when he is in Calgary," wrote Barton.

"When the legislature isn't sitting, (Stables) spends significantly less time in Edmonton, meaning it's unlikely taxpayers would receive value for money

were he to acquire an apartment in the city and receive a standard housing allowance."

Stables' charges reflect high-end hotels on the road as well, including \$1,304 charged to taxpayers for a three-night stay at a conference at the Chateau Lake Louise in November.

Redford has been under fire from critics — and even from a member of her own caucus — for lavish spending, including \$45,000 to fly her and Stables to South Africa for Nelson Mandela's funeral in December.

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# Promotion of shared bike lanes planned for Glenora

**Paving the way.** City has plans to improve bike signage

Residents in Glenora got a first-hand look Wednesday at the plans for a neighbourhood facelift, including tying the neighbourhood into the city's cycling network with new bike lanes.

The plans — presented at a public meeting — showed the city's design options to identify shared bike lanes in the central community.

"A lot of these routes connect to adjoining neighbourhoods and that allows us to build neighbourhood bike lanes," said Tyler Golly, general supervisor of sustainable transportation with the city.

Plans for marked shared bike lanes on 104 Avenue from 136 Street to 142 Street are also in the city's plan to further con-

nect cyclists.

Many of the bike lanes are already established but city officials say the current blue signs will be replaced with green ones to help with way finding but that payment markings and "shared use" signage will also be added to the neighbourhood once completed.

"These are on quiet roads where people are biking on now," said Golly, adding the improved lanes are low impact ones and do not affect existing parking spaces.

Connections into Canora and North Glenora neighbourhoods are just some of the areas the improved cycling connectors will help build once completed within the next three years scheduled for the Glenora neighbourhood project.

Neighbourhood reconstruction is part of the city's Building Great Neighbourhoods initiative. It includes resurfacing of roadways, streetlight

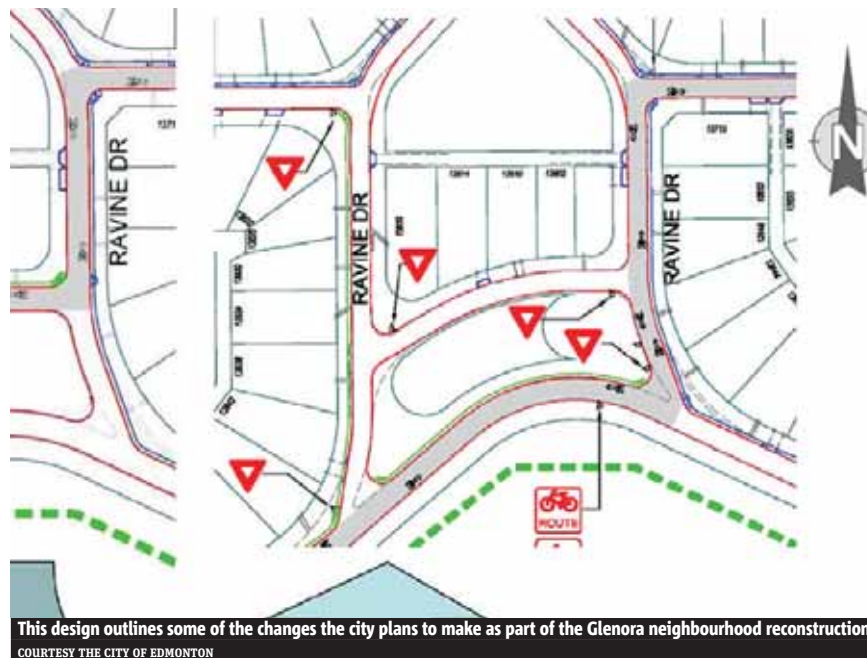
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Tyler Golly, general supervisor of sustainable transportation with the city

upgrades, and reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Reconstruction is partially funded by the 1.5 per cent Neighbourhood Renewal property tax. The Glenora neighbourhood project has a completion date of three years but city officials say once completed, Edmontonians should have a safe place to ride.

"Ultimately we want this to be a very comfortable place for people to ride and keep (cyclists) off the busy roads," said Golly. **STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO**



This design outlines some of the changes the city plans to make as part of the Glenora neighbourhood reconstruction. COURTESY THE CITY OF EDMONTON

## University of Alberta's anti-cheating message goes viral



A screenshot of the latest efforts from U of A to discourage students from cheating. SCREENSHOT

The University of Alberta is hoping a new video series will help students stay on the straight and narrow and keep their eyes on their own assignments.

The online series of "quirky" videos launched earlier this year is the institution's latest effort to get students thinking about what constitutes cheating as they head into the second part of the winter semester.

Deborah Eerkes, director of the U of A student judicial affairs, said with a huge turnover of students, the university is always trying to find ways to prevent plagiarism.

As part of the lead up to an all new online academic integrity course, Eerkes said the videos keep the issue of plagiarism and cheating at the front of students' minds.

"It's easy to forget," said

Eerkes. "A lot of students think, 'This doesn't apply to me, it's not something I am planning to do,' but it's a problem because when students need to be thinking about it, they aren't thinking about it."

With three videos already online, U of A student union president Petros Kusmu said the videos helped take the school's message viral.

While plagiarism and

cheating are not necessarily a unique problem at the university, Kusmu said the videos have rebranded the topic.

"Talking about academic integrity isn't the most sexy topic," Kusmu said. "When you are able to package it in a way that makes students want to pay attention, I think that's really effective."

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Ron Pearson performed at the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival event Wednesday at city hall.  
STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

# Turning winter blahs into oohs and aahs

**Street Performers Festival.** Local event celebrates 30 years of 'putting a smile on the face of Edmonton'



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For the past 30 years, the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival has introduced the city to daring acts and comedians — and this year they plan to do the same.

The event that started with 14 performers has now grown to include 50 and has expanded from Rice Howard Way to Sir

Winston Churchill Square.

"We are the first of its kind in North America, so we really set the parade for other Vaudeville and street performer festivals that have happened in North America," said Shelley Switzer, the festival's artistic producer.

The festival has grown to an event that now accommodates almost 250,000 visitors over the 10-day long event, said Switzer.

The festival doesn't start until July 4, but those wanting a sneak peek can get a glimpse of some of the local acts at this weekend's Vaudeville Madness event, which includes local artists, acrobat Annie Dugan, singer-songwriter Andrea House and Mystery Wonder star Ron Pearson.

"Let's transform those win-

## By the numbers

250

Over 250 volunteers work on the festival every year.

ter blahs into oohs and aahs, while raising funds for the festival and its programs," said Switzer.

To celebrate 30 years of "putting a smile on the face of Edmonton," Switzer said the group's new logo, which includes a smiling face, highlights the best parts of the festival.

Tickets for Saturday's Vaudeville Madness event at 2 p.m. are available at TIX on the Square.

## Northern Alberta

## Students hurt in school bus crash

Several students were recovering from injuries Wednesday after their school bus collided with a truck in northern Alberta.

Eleven students were going home from schools in Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge when the crash happened Tuesday at a rural intersection.

School officials said one boy was in critical condition following surgery in the Grande Prairie hospital, but was expected to survive.

Two children were airlifted to an Edmonton hospital and were in stable condition. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Study. Why did the bear cross the road? To get some action on the other side

A new study suggests that at least one reason bears in Banff National Park are crossing the Trans-Canada Highway is to find mates, a vindication for a series of wildlife crossings installed by Parks Canada.

"It is clear that male and female individuals using crossing structures are successfully migrating, breeding and moving genes across the roadway," says the paper, published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the Royal Society, Britain's national science academy. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A new study suggests bears in Banff are crossing highways to find mates.  
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## Hide-and-seek. RCMP hopes pig carcass will lead to missing bodies

The Saskatchewan RCMP is hoping a bright orange pig carcass will help them locate missing bodies in Saskatchewan's river system.

Equipped with a radio transmitter and GPS tracker, members of the RCMP's major crimes historical case unit (HCU) placed the 180-pound pig into the South Saskatchewan River at the Saskatoon Canoe Club on Wednesday morning.

"The whole idea of this project is to track this pig's movements as it flows down the river and hopefully, that will give us some insight as to where bodies end up," said Cpl. Tyler Hadland of the HCU, noting six bodies are presumed to be in the South Saskatchewan River.

"The Saskatoon historical case unit has been annually searching the river, by plane and by boat, for the past number of years and we haven't been able to recover any of these bodies," he said. "So it's quite a mystery."



A member of the Saskatchewan RCMP places a bright orange pig carcass into the South Saskatchewan River at the Saskatoon Canoe Club on Wednesday morning.  
MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

RCMP said Wednesday's launch is the projects' second phase, as a pig carcass with similar tracking devices was placed into the North Saskatchewan River in North Battleford in the fall of 2013.

However, the carcass only travelled 20 kilometres before it was found on a sandbar a week later. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

## Cruise ship. Worker accused of rape, trying to throw victim off balcony

A cruise ship worker from Indonesia is accused of raping a passenger aboard a Holland America Line vessel and then trying to throw her overboard, authorities said Tuesday.

The FBI reports that 28-year-old Ketut Pujayasa was arrested Sunday when the MS Nieuw Amsterdam returned to Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. The incident occurred early Friday morning in international waters off the coast of Roatan, Honduras.

According to a criminal complaint, the victim — a 31-year-old U.S. woman — told investigators she was attacked and raped in her stateroom. The attacker tried to throw her from the balcony, but she escaped and received help from another passenger.

Pujayasa initially left the room but then turned himself in. The man told investigators he attacked the victim because she had disrespected him earlier. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Federal Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau responds to reporters questions at a news conference, Wednesday, during a two-day party caucus meeting in Quebec City. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Trudeau gears up to pick his A-team

**Liberal convention.** Canadians get a glimpse into what a Trudeau cabinet might look like

Justin Trudeau wants to be known by the company he keeps.

And starting Thursday at a four-day national Liberal convention, he'll be keeping company with people whose intellectual heft, breadth of experience and economic cre-

dentials he hopes will help dispel qualms about his suitability to be prime minister.

The Montreal convention, Trudeau's first since being crowned leader last April, will showcase some of the stars he's recruited to run for the Liberals in next year's election.

Among them: Jim Carr, president of the Business Council of Manitoba; Bill Morneau, head of the country's largest human resources consulting company and chairman of a respected think-tank; and Jody Wilson-

Raybould, British Columbia regional chief for the Assembly of First Nations.

All three will make their debut as prospective members of Team Trudeau at the convention, where they're scheduled to give keynote speeches and take part in panel discussions.

Their high-profile roles are intended to give Canadians a glimpse of what they can expect to see in the Liberals' election platform and what a Trudeau cabinet might look like.

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### Team Trudeau

#### Other potential stars:

- Chima Nkemdirim, chief of staff to popular Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi
- Retired general Andrew Leslie, military and foreign policy advisor
- Chrystia Freeland, a former journalist who won a hard-fought byelection in Toronto Centre last fall.

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A demonstrator stands next to a burning barricade at an opposition protest in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, after their leader, Leopoldo Lopez, surrendered to authorities. Lopez was sought for allegedly inciting violence in clashes between police and protesters that killed three people last week. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Venezuelan protests carry on, opposition leader still in jail

**More protests to come.** Plans in the works for nationwide marches on Saturday

Held at a military jail, opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez waited to learn Wednesday if he will be charged for violence that has erupted during protests that have revitalized challenges to 15 years of socialist rule in Venezuela.

Lopez, who dramatically surrendered to authorities before thousands of cheering supporters Tuesday, was to appear before a judge to learn what charges he would face for organizing mass demon-

strations that have resulted in at least six deaths and more than 100 injuries over the past week.

The hearing was closed and the outcome had not been announced by late Wednesday as sporadic protests continued to erupt throughout the capital, with protesters setting fires in the streets and police firing volleys of tear gas and blasts from water cannons.

The government of President Nicolas Maduro has accused Lopez, a 42-year-old former mayor and the leader of the Popular Will party, of attempting to foment a coup in the South American nation and authorities had said he could face charges that include homicide and causing grievous

bodily harm.

Hundreds of supporters waited outside the courthouse for news of the decision, watched over by National Guard troops.

Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma, a member of a different opposition party, showed up at one point in a sign of unity among the foes of the Maduro government.

"We are all united in demanding the release of Leopoldo Lopez," Ledezma said. "We are rallying behind him."

The jailing of Lopez has made him a cause célèbre among opponents of Maduro, eclipsing to some degree Henrique Capriles, the opposition's two-time losing presidential candidate.

### A week of turmoil

The protests in Venezuela have so far resulted in:

- Six people killed. Two government supporters and four backers of the opposition.
- Renewed calls from human rights groups, calling Lopez's arrest political.

Human rights groups have condemned the charges against Lopez, with Amnesty International and others saying they appear to be politically motivated.

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### Resignation demands

"I'm marching to protest against the situation this country is in, with this incompetent government giving all our oil and money to other countries.... We'll be in the streets until this government resign."

Juan Luis Oropeza, 22, graphic designer



### Dissatisfaction

"I'm marching because I don't want any oppression and because I want the students arrested during peaceful protests released. And I'm protesting against the economic and social problems in this country."

Julián Sanchez, 21, social communications student



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# Ukraine president, protesters call truce

## Negotiations.

Earlier violence that killed 26 had fuelled fears the nation could be sliding toward a messy breakup

Ukraine's embattled president and leaders of the protests that have been roiling the country agreed Wednesday on a truce to halt the violence that has killed 26 people and injured more than 425 others.

A protest leader was quoted as saying the government pledged not to attack an opposition encampment in central Kyiv while further negotiations unfold.

President Viktor Yanukovich met with opposition leaders and the two sides agreed to halt the violence and to hold talks on ending bloodshed, a statement on the presidential website said. The statement did not give any further details.

Vitali Klitschko, one of the leaders of the protests that have sought to keep Ukraine

## An issue of identity

The recent violence has been the worst in nearly three months of anti-government protests that have paralyzed Kyiv.

- The two sides are locked in a battle over the identity of this nation of 46 million, whose loyalties are divided between Russia and the West.

open to Europe and out of a close political and economic alliance with Russia, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying that Yanukovich agreed that there would be no attempt to storm the protesters' encampment on the main square of downtown Kyiv.

Flames from burning barricades of tires and refuse leapt into the air at the square for a second night, as protesters demanding Yanukovich's resignation showed no sign of yielding.

The truce announcement came hours after the president replaced the army chief and



Anti-government protesters protect themselves with shields during clashes with riot police in Kyiv's Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest, Wednesday, before the president and leaders of the protest called a truce. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the military vowed a national anti-terrorist operation to restore order. Officials have often referred to the protesters who have demanded Yanukovich's resignation as "terrorists."

Political and diplomatic

manoeuvring has continued, with both Moscow and the West eager to gain influence over this former Soviet republic. Three EU foreign ministers — from Germany, France and Poland — were heading to Kyiv

on Thursday to speak with both sides before an emergency EU meeting back in Brussels to consider sanctions against those responsible for the recent violence in Ukraine.

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## Ex-pats in North America

## Tentative reaction

Ukrainians living in the United States and Canada reacted with tentative optimism Wednesday to news of a truce in the violence-torn country, while still shedding tears for their homeland and nervously wondering what will come next.

Yaakov Dov Bleich, who is the chief rabbi of Kyiv and Ukraine, reacted cautiously when interviewed in New York. He noted the enormity of clashes between government forces and protesters Tuesday that left at least 26 people dead.

Ukraine, he said, won't work as a dictatorship. "Certain red lines were crossed yesterday," Bleich said.

"I think it's going to be very hard to rebuild trust between people and the president."

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A member of the anti-Putin punk group Pussy Riot is restrained by a member of the Cossack militia in Sochi, Wednesday. MORRY GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Pussy Riot whipped by Cossack militia

## Sochi Olympics.

Russian protest group beaten and pepper sprayed to prevent protest performance

Cossack militia attacked the Pussy Riot punk group with horsewhips on Wednesday as the artists — who have feuded with Vladimir Putin's government for years — tried to perform under a sign advertising the Sochi Olympics.

Six group members — five women and one man — donned their signature ski masks and were pulling out a guitar and microphone as at least 10 Cossacks and other security officials moved in. One Cossack appeared to use pep-

## Whipping up the people

Pussy Riot is a performance-art collective with a membership of feminists who edit their actions into music videos.

- The group gained attention in 2012 after going into a Moscow cathedral and performing a prayer asking Mary to save Russia from Putin.

per spray. Another whipped several group members while other Cossacks ripped off their masks and threw the guitar in a garbage can.

Police arrived and questioned witnesses; no one was arrested. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Tit for tat. U.S. artist charged with smashing a \$1 million Ai Weiwei vase

Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei, who helped make his name smashing a valuable vase in the name of art, said Wednesday that he was miffed about another artist destroying one of his vases.

Maximo Caminero was charged with criminal mis-

chief after destroying a vase valued at \$1 million that was part of Ai's exhibit at the Perez Art Museum Miami. The Florida artist said he smashed the vase Sunday to protest the lack of displays of local artists.

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Women walk past an exhibit by artist Ai Weiwei in Miami. GETTY IMAGES



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# Escaping the death grip

## Snake on the loose.

An Alberta man is lucky to be alive after his Burmese python coiled around him

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Say that one day your beloved pet, whom you had watched sprout since his infancy, managed to break free of his warm, well-ventilated enclosure and began to wriggle his frame around you.

If you had any time to think, you might reflect that although you've been a benevolent caretaker all this time, you're now gasping for air as the ungrateful pet squeezes you ever tighter. Heartbreaking stuff, right?

The pet in question isn't a Labradoodle, and this isn't a story from somewhere in Southeast Asia.

Rather, it's a true tale that involves one of the largest



The Burmese python is one of the world's five largest snakes. GETTY IMAGES FILE

snakes on the planet — the feared Burmese python — and a basement in Alberta.

"(The owner) had this rather large dangerous snake he kept in his basement," explained Pat

Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer, who did not specify the location of the home. "He

went down there to check on it and because it was loose it started to coil around him."

Luckily, the man was able to escape — albeit with a new-found and well-deserved fear of the tropical snake. He quickly called conservation officers to help him handle the creature.

The Burmese python is one of the world's five biggest snakes, a collection that also includes the African rock python. The latter is the same species of snake that killed two boys in New Brunswick last summer after escaping from its cage.

Unlike that situation, in which it appears the owner didn't have a permit, the owner in Alberta was able to legally possess the snake thanks to a grandfathering clause in provincial regulations.

"It was during a time in which we were changing regulations and becoming more strict," Dunford explained. "(The owner) got a shelter permit because he possessed it legally before we made our regulations more restrictive, so we grandfathered the possession of certain pets for a time."

## Quoted

"After a day they went in there and because the temperature was much cooler, the snake was so lethargic that it was not aggressive at all."

Pat Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer, describing how officials corralled a loose Burmese python.

Once officers arrived, they developed a game plan to safely apprehend the snake.

As the Burmese python thrives in blisteringly hot conditions, Dunford said, officers decided to turn off the heat in the house in hopes that cooler conditions would slow the snake down.

It worked. "After a day, they went in there and because the temperature was much cooler, the snake was so lethargic that it was not aggressive at all," he explained. "They were able actually to help the owner simply get it back into its secure container."

## But this is Canada — could I really meet a pet crocodile on the loose?\*

The deaths of two young boys in New Brunswick last summer at the hands of an escaped African rock python alerted the country to the potential dangers of unusual pets.

But is there really such a threat in fam-

ously frigid Canada of encountering somebody's dangerous exotic animal?

It appears to depend on where you live, but generally, it seems that Canada poses a far bigger threat to odd pets than they do to us.

"Fortunately (in Alberta) we haven't had too many issues with exotics getting into the wild," Pat Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer, told Metro, noting the province does have a detailed action plan to han-

\* Well, yes, you could. Because it's happened. In Hamilton, Ont., 2010, a birdwatcher spotted what was either a crocodile or an alligator swimming in a pond. In Kapuskasing, Ont., in 2012, police had to kill a metre-long crocodile that appeared in a vacant lot.

dle these sorts of situations. He said dangerous animals imported from sunnier locales, such as tropical snakes,

would probably only survive during the summer months and wouldn't "last long when the temperature gets colder."

Last July, a six-foot, 15-pound albino Burmese python was discovered emaciated and dehydrated in a wooded area near Chilliwack, B.C., according to media reports.

The snake, which was brought to and treated at a Maple Ridge veterinarian clinic, did not fare well in the wild — even in the relatively mild climate of the Lower Mainland region of British Columbia.

So one can imagine how poorly an imported snake would fare in significantly colder locales on the Canadian prairies.

In any case, Dunford said, the imported animals that we should worry about more are notoriously invasive species such as certain fish, including the Asian carp. MARCO

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## Day 2: Exotic pets in Canada

After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?

- **Friday.** Metro goes shopping for an opossum and tells you where to turn when you have problems with your pet fox.
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## The hot-button hedgehog

Sure, they're cute, but in some parts of the U.S., they also seem to be controversial — partly, it appears, because of a debate over whether they spread foot-and-mouth disease. According to online forum [hedgehogcentral.com](http://hedgehogcentral.com), the animals are illegal in California, Hawaii, Georgia and the five boroughs of New York City. Maine has also had restrictions, and the site describes the situation in Pennsylvania as "all out war on hedgehogs within the state."

Hedgehog advocates insist the animals are not a problem. Z.G. Standing Bear, treasurer of the International Hedgehog Association, told Torstar News Service last year that six U.S. states and several cities ban hedgehogs for "all kinds of reasons" based on "no facts at all." "They're benign. There is nothing dangerous about them. That's what irritates us so much; they get this bad reputation," he said.

Hedgehogs may be in for a tough time north of the border, too. Last year, a Toronto city councillor asked municipal staff to study adding animals including hedgehogs to the city's list of prohibited species. Flamingoes, penguins, walrus, vultures and seals are also in his sights. **METRO**



An African pygmy hedgehog

## What happens when it all goes wrong

In the past couple of decades, there've been a number of high-profile cases in Canada of exotic pets killing their owners:

- In 2007, 32-year-old Tanya Dumstrey-Soos was mauled by a tiger owned by her fiancé at a farm in 100 Mile House, B.C., while several children, including one of her own, watched. It's thought that the tiger didn't intentionally attack her, but rather was trying to play with her skirt as she stood outside its enclosure talking to it. The tiger, Gangus, was the only one of three tigers on the farm who wasn't declawed, and Dumstrey-Soos died of her injuries. Animals on the farm also included a lion and a lemur, and a variety of officials and animal welfare advocates said they'd had ongoing concerns about the farm.
- In 1992, 28-year-old Mark Neville of Brampton, Ont., was

strangled to death by his five-metre-long pet Burmese python. At the time, the death prompted calls for consistent legislation on exotic pets, but unlike many provinces, Ontario still doesn't have provincial standards on the issue.

The investigating coroner said Neville had visited a friend's house where there was a shedding cat, and it's believed that later, when he put his hand in the python's enclosure, it smelled food and attacked.

- In early 2010, 66-year-old Norman Buwalda was killed at his home in Southwold, Ont., as he entered the cage of a 650-pound Siberian tiger. No one witnessed the attack, and police said they don't know why it happened. Buwalda was the chairman of the Canadian Exotic Animal

Owner's Association, and had five wild cats, including a lion and a cougar. Six years previously, a 350-pound tiger seriously injured a boy visiting the property. **METRO**



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# 'If you're not prepared to devote your life to your pet monkey, please don't get one'

## Lessons from Darwin.

The former owner of the Ikea monkey says having a primate in the house takes time, energy and resources

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Metro in Regina

She and what had been her pet monkey have made headlines in Canada for more than a year, since the primate managed to get out of her car outside a Toronto Ikea store and scamper around the property in late 2012.

Yasmin Nakhuda, a Toronto lawyer, is trying to get Darwin back through an appeal of an Ontario court ruling that has since kept the monkey at a primate sanctuary.

Metro asked Nakhuda about her case, and about having primates as pets.

**Are you optimistic about your chance of reclaiming legal ownership of Darwin through your court appeal?**

We are still trying to get him back but since the matter is still being reviewed for appeal purposes, I cannot make any further comments regarding chances of winning.



After her pet monkey's romp around a Toronto-area Ikea, Yasmin Nakhuda has been struggling to get it back. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

**Do you feel that monkeys such as Darwin make good pets for people in Canada?**

Monkeys are not pets for everyone. But if the owner is very dedicated, loving, educated about primate needs and ready and willing to learn, then a monkey can be more than a pet — it can become part of one's family. Monkeys are intelligent and it is untrue that all monkeys are

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aggressive. Some monkeys work as licensed waiters in Japan, while others are trained and work as helpers for the disabled.

**Do you have any advice for other people who might be considering trying to acquire monkeys or other animals that are deemed exotic or foreign to Canada?**

If you are not prepared to devote your life to your pet monkey, then please don't get one. However, if you do and you are able to earn the love and respect of your pet monkey, a pet monkey

can be one of the greatest companions you can have in your life.

As for other exotic pets, I own an African Grey parrot and a Scarlet Macaw and they are equally great pets given their intelligence, but again, they need a lot of attention and care and one has to be able to afford expensive toys, food and supplements on an ongoing basis.



## Have an adventure with Darwin

Darwin's Ikea shopping trip may be over in real life, but it continues online in the form of a video game which you can find at [ikeamonkeyshirt.com](http://ikeamonkeyshirt.com). Barnabas Wornoff, an animation professor at Toronto's Seneca College, took about a week to create the game with a group of former students. Players can control the shearing coat-wearing monkey as it wanders through the parking lot in search of Allen keys, pegs and other parts needed to build a Billy wall shelf, all the while dodging rogue shopping carts and Ikea customers. Wornoff said the monkey dances when the game is completed.

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## Bromance brewing? Barack and Stephen pack on PDA after private rendezvous

They don't see eye to eye on the major irritant between their two countries, but Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama projected a bit of genuine warmth at the so-called Three Amigos summit on Wednesday.

It may have been the sunny, high-altitude climes in the scenic Spanish colonial corner of Toluca, the hometown of their host, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto.

Or it may have been the fact that both Harper and Obama had staked out their positions in advance on the divisive Keystone XL pipeline project: the prime minister wants approval, the president wants to respect the approval process.

During their 30-minute private discussion in Mexico, Obama at least appeared to have politely heard out Harper on the TransCanada project.

The president then had affectionate words for Canadians and for Harper, calling him "Stephen" at one point during his remarks after the two leaders strolled through an enor-

### Nebraska

The long-delayed Keystone XL pipeline project suffered a major setback Wednesday when a Nebraska district judge ripped up a state law that could have forced landowners to allow the pipeline through their property.

mous Toluca greenhouse.

"My brother-in-law is Canadian, so you know I have to love Canadians," Obama said to laughter.

But he added that the fact that Canadian and American men's and women's hockey teams are soon facing off in the ongoing Winter Games could cause him to "not feel as warm toward Canadians until the Olympic matches are over."

Harper echoed Obama's light-hearted tone during his own brief comments.

"Barack, it's always great to see you, and I like my brother-in-law too," Harper said.

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## Cuts sow seeds of discontent among Greek farmers

A farmer shouts slogans during a protest outside the Greek parliament against government tax policies in Athens on Wednesday. About 4,000 people, including civil servant unions, took part in the peaceful demonstration outside the House of Parliament. Greece's conservative-led government has committed to continue spending cuts and economic reforms in exchange for billions of euros in international rescue loans. THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Our true patriot love for Facebook

### Market Minute



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### Rogers biggest buyer

## Wireless spectrum auction raises \$5.27B for feds

The federal government raked in \$5.27 billion in the latest wireless spectrum auction, the most Ottawa has ever received in such a sale. Industry Canada announced Wednesday that the biggest buyer of the 20-year licences was Rogers, which paid \$3.29 billion for 22 licences across the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### O (boy) Canada.

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Canada was one of the first countries to go completely crazy for Facebook and now the social network is saying we're leading the charge with mobile usage, too.

There are 19 million Canadians who access Facebook at least once a month and 14 mil-

### New national pastime?

"We're seeing people check their phones 20 times a day for Facebook — status updates and news feed posts and checking in — so it's really become like a Canadian reflex, if you will, to access your phone, whether you're at a bus stop or a hockey game or sitting at home watching TV."

Jordan Banks, head of Facebook Canada

lion who log in every single day, says Jordan Banks, the head of Facebook Canada.

Those numbers haven't really changed since the sum-

mer, when Banks last gave an update on user counts, but mobile is growing.

The number of users who log in with a phone or tablet

at least once a month is now at 15 million, up about 15 per cent from 13 million. And the number of mobile users accessing Facebook daily is up about six per cent to 10 million, from 9.4 million in August.

"Essentially we're getting 50 per cent of Canadian (Internet users) on Facebook every day and the exciting part for us as marketers is that when you look at the composition of how those people are accessing Facebook, it's more increasingly on a mobile device than ever before," says Banks.

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# OLYMPICS BRING OUT THE WORST

Olympic officials love to wax eloquent about how sports can help us celebrate humanity as one, as can be illustrated in this history of the Games:

**1896:** The modern Olympic Games are created to promote world peace.

**1897:** World peace declared.

This timeline, though exhaustive, is not wholly accurate. In fact, the Olympics solve society's problems with only the same proficiency that pop songs alleviate world hunger.

While I won't claim to know the hearts of the amazing athletes, I can talk about the average sports fans' humanity during these Olympics in Sochi. Their emotions are not always the Olympian ideal.

**Rage:** Sports always attracts angry fans: hockey fans who would gladly dismember a 14-year-old linesman; baseball fans apoplectic about strike calls they can't possibly see; MMA fans who fill in most of evolution's missing links. But the Olympics teach us that the most terrifying creature of all is the figure skating fan who is convinced their favourite skaters were



HE SAYS

**John Mazerolle**

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stuffed.

It's satisfying in a way. People who mock me for yelling at the TV during a Bruins game positively have a Salchow every four years because someone on Team Canada got "robbed." It's an Olympic tradition. This wouldn't happen if Olympic figure skating had fighting like the North American version, but that's a debate for later.

**Fear:** What do you suppose is the hardest job in the world? Doctor? Air traffic controller? Olympian? No, the Olympics prove time and again that the hardest job is creating a mascot that is not a horrifying abomination.

It's a life rule. There are no funny clowns, no sexy feet and no mascots that will not haunt your dreams. The Athens mascots appeared to be phaluses wearing coloured condoms, perhaps to laud the birth of civilization. The London mascots were one-eyed demon creatures, probably to promote the city's Olympian level of CCTV cameras.

At first the Sochi bear seemed like a fool-proof idea. Who doesn't like teddy bears? However, the version at the opening cere-

monies looked like a drunken uncle who should delete his Internet browsing history more often. Meanwhile, the version that stalks Olympic venues almost looks like an everyday bear mascot — except that he has cold, dead shark eyes. He will have children leaving their night lights on until at least the 2016 Summer Games. And who knows what monstrosity we might be faced with then?

**Schadenfreude:** If my workplace and favourite bar are any indication, two things always get big cheers from crowds at the Olympics:

- 1.) A Canadian hockey player scores a goal.
- 2.) An athlete from another country falls over.

The sport might be one fans had not heard of 10 minutes ago — Ladies' Super-G Bobsled Cross — but if there's a chance at gold, we want our opponents crushed. And, if necessary, their pelvises.

In short, the Olympics aren't the best of humanity, on either side of the TV screen. They're just ... humanity, which includes braggarts, fools and outright villains, to go along with the kind-hearted, the wise and the heroes.

And despite my cynical take, I still believe in heroes. After all, somebody has to slay the damn bear.

## ZOOM

## All that glitters isn't gold



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### Finnish reindeer dabbed with paint

A reindeer is seen with fluorescent antlers after a test in which Finnish herders dabbed it with fluorescent paint. Rudolph the reindeer is having a glittering antler makeover — the latest attempt to halt some of the thousands of road deaths of the roaming

caribou in the wilds of Finland.

Anne Ollila, of the Finnish Reindeer Herders' Association, says the antlers of 20 reindeer have been painted with various fluorescent dyes to see how the animals react and whether the paints are resistant to the harsh Arctic climate.

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### Roaming free

**200,000**

If successful, animals with glittering antlers will be free to roam Lapland — a vast, deserted area in northern Finland where herders tend to some 200,000 reindeer.

### Reflective tape

- The Finnish Reindeer Association says reflectors and reflective tape have proven unsuccessful as reindeer have torn them off — and road signs warning drivers of roaming reindeer often are stolen by tourists as souvenirs.

### Clickbait



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Looks like over-sharing social media users are learning from their mishaps as a wave of apps touting online anonymity are quietly creeping into cyberspace. Users wanting to publicly praise or put down that pretty girl, berate their boss or wax poetic have carved out online spaces to do so without having to worry about said pretty girl, boss, etc.



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### Whisper:

Posts run the gamut from guilty pleasures to deep thoughts (#ThereIsNoProof) in this Tumblr-like confessional space.

### Shrtwv:

Location-based sharing means you

share your anonymous thoughts, photos, etc., with other Shrtwv users in the same vicinity (no, this is not meant to be the latest Grindr)

### Secret:

Like other social media sites, you're still sharing your "secrets" with your pals, but you get to do so incognito.

### Twitter

**@metropicks asked:** The idea of Trudeau rolling papers was originally the Cons' plan to disrupt the Liberals. Do they help or hinder Trudeau's image?

**@Russell\_Barth:** the irony of these papers (AND the #cpc's mad assertions) is that Justin isn't \*actually\* going to legalize #pot

**@chlobotxo:** i think it's hilarious. It helps by showing the Cons are traditional bullies

**@ac\_awesome:** So instead of saying he flip-flops, opponents are accusing him of Zigzags.

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SCENE

# Nevermore will an actor feel so privileged to portray Poe

**Scott Shpeley.** After a mysterious auditioning process, the actor got the role of a lifetime pretending to go through what the legendary author did



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Imagine being a student among hundreds of fine arts classmates, each ready to make their mark on the acting world. Part of the program includes an opportunity to audition for a local production company.

The catch is you have no idea what you are auditioning for. Scott Shpeley remembers the experience well. "You show up and show what you can do: acting, singing, monologue, and then you wait to see if you get picked to do a two-week workshop. I was chosen to do the April

## Honoured

"I feel privileged to even pretend to go through what Edgar Allan Poe went through. It's been great to portray my version and Catalyst's version of this character."

Scott Shpeley, actor

## Details

**When & where.** The show runs until March 4 at Westbury Theatre (10330 - 84 Ave.)

**Tickets.** Admission starts at \$24.50 for students and seniors or \$31.50 for adults. Tickets available from Tix on the Square, 780-420-1757.

2008 workshop. There were 30 pages of text and for two weeks, we played, built this world, and presented it. Then, we waited again and they sent out offers."

Shpeley received an offer he couldn't refuse. As a fresh-faced actor in his last year of theatrical studies, Shpeley was given the lead role in Catalyst Theatre's *Nevermore: The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe*. It's a role he's held ever since, in addition to his other theatrical credits, including an off-Broadway stint in New York.

He says, "I feel privileged to even pretend to go through what Edgar Allan Poe went through. It's been great to portray my version and Catalyst's version of this character."

The show's success can be attributed to Shpeley's veteran experience as Poe and his exposure to the audience. "I'm on stage for most of the production, so when the story really starts to unfold, the weight of the emotion is there."

Nevermore is an adult



Scott Shpeley, left, and Shannon Blanchet in Catalyst Theatre's production of *Nevermore*. DAVID COOPER

musical fairy tale where the audience is pulled between Poe's worlds of fantasy and reality through haunting songs, poetic storytelling and surreal imagery, including mesmerizing costumes. The story daintily

explores the events that shaped Poe's career as well as the blurry line between fact and fiction surrounding his death.

"Even though most of the cast and I are from the original production, it's not

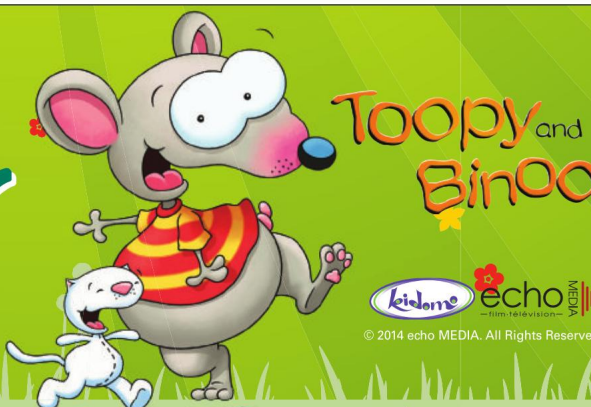
a remount, it has elements of the first run, but it's a more mature production. We've all had time to process the show, come back and explore it in a new way. I'm excited for the audience to see that."

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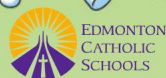
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# The takedown of the mask of Georges

## Documentary.

Former UFC champion reveals his obsessive compulsive disorder, how it drove him to succeed, and what makes him tick in new film

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One would expect it'd take a lot to embarrass someone who gets paid millions to beat people up for a living but ultimate fighting champion Georges St-Pierre admits blushing when seeing his rural father fake a more esteemed French accent in the latest documentary about his life.

"A lot of scenes like this I would've changed but (producers) didn't want to," admitted St-Pierre during a recent interview to promote the documentary *Takedown: The DNA of GSP*.

"There were a lot of things I didn't want to show (but) this is not my movie; I didn't decide what to show; the (filmmakers) decided."

Premiering this Thursday at select theatres Canada-wide, the slick documentary that covers the French Canadian's rise to UFC champ, his fateful knee injury and stunning comeback is also very personal — illustrated by GSP's own acceptance that he suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder.

"My obsessive compulsive problem that I have (is)



Georges St-Pierre credits his success in mixed martial arts with his obsessive-compulsive disorder. CONTRIBUTED

good when you're an athlete," said St-Pierre.

"I'm crazy but that's what you need to be champion in the sport.

"All my life I've been (focused on) how I can make myself a better martial artist — everything I've learned in my life has been for that purpose."

Certainly those habits are on display in *Takedown* as fans learn how sleep deprivation, avoiding sidewalk cracks and even heavily concentrated fury has turned GSP into a remarkable mixed martial

artist.

In fact, the unpretentious pugilist insists even vacating the title after a controversial win in November was a response to his own affliction.

"I stopped because mentally, my health was in jeopardy," said St-Pierre.

"I've never been a victim in my life," he adds.

"Everything I've done, I did it by choice. 'Nobody ever forced me to fight. I did it because I wanted to and that's the same reason why I'm taking a break — because I want to.'"

## Georges on Georges

- Georges St-Pierre on revealing his obsessive compulsive disorder in the film. "It's kind of boring to be a normal person," said St-Pierre. "I surround myself with crazy people and I'm crazy myself so it makes us fun...we all have the ingredients for a good movie."
- You don't have to like fighting. "I don't force you to like what I do for a living, I just don't want to have to fight for the legitimacy of my sport" said St-Pierre. "That's all I ask, is to not denigrate the sport."

## Watch it

- *Takedown: The DNA of GSP* screens in Cineplex theatres across Canada on February 20, 22 and 24.



Georges St-Pierre says there were many things he didn't want to show in this doc. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Books

## Harper Lee settles lawsuit with museum

To Kill a Mockingbird author Harper Lee has settled the U.S. federal lawsuit she filed against a museum in her south Alabama hometown over its sale of souvenirs featuring her name and the title of her book, court documents show. An attorney

for the Alabama native filed a motion Tuesday in federal court in Mobile saying Lee had reached an agreement with the Monroe County Heritage Museum in Monroeville.

The settlement notice came days after a judge refused to dismiss the lawsuit, filed last fall, that said the museum uses Lee's name and the title of her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel without compensating her. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## The Voice. Cee Lo bows out from coaching gig



Cee Lo Green was one of the original coaches on The Voice. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cee Lo Green says he's quitting as a coach on The Voice.

The singer-songwriter-actor announced on Wednesday's The Ellen DeGeneres Show that he won't be coming back "at all."

He already was taking a break from the sixth season of the NBC talent competition, which begins airing Monday.

But Green told DeGeneres that he plans to continue his relationship with NBC, with which he

has a development deal. NBC confirmed Green's departure from the show and expressed hopes to work with him on future projects.

Green was one of the original coaches when The Voice premiered in 2011. He appeared in seasons one through three, as well as season five. Adam Levine, Blake

Shelton, Usher and Shakira will serve as coaches for the upcoming Voice season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Apple brings iTunes fest to South by Southwest

## Free concert series.

Event that began in London will offer five days of music on this side of the pond

iTunes is putting its stamp on South by Southwest, piggybacking on the annual event with its own music festival.

The company said Wednesday it will debut its popular iTunes Festival, a free concert series held in London for the past seven years. While the London version is a 30-day event, the U.S. festival will feature five nights of rock, country, pop and hip hop at South by Southwest, an international showcase for music, film and interactive projects to be held next month in Austin, Texas.

"We're pretty excited about doing this for the first time here in the U.S. at South by Southwest," said top Apple executive Eddy Cue in an interview Tuesday.

"One of the cool things about trying to do the festival is that it's all about the music, the musicians and the fans," Cue said. "You want it in a really close atmosphere where the fans are getting to see these musicians in places they'll never see them again, because they play in much bigger venues."

The iTunes festival will be held March 11-15 at



iTunes is putting its stamp on South by Southwest, piggybacking on the annual event hosted by the city of Austin, Texas, with its own music festival. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ACL Live at the Moody Theater, where Austin City Limits is held. The first night will include performances by Coldplay, Imagine Dragons and London Grammar. Coldplay said it was "thrilled" to be playing on opening night, adding: "It's a great honour for our band and we hope everyone has a fantastic time."

Other performers include Keith Urban, Willie Nelson, Pitbull, Zedd and newcomer Mickey Guyton. Cue said other acts will be announced later.

One artist who likely won't be appearing is Kanye West, who performed at the London festival in 2009. During a concert

## Quoted

"We'll see where it leads us. I can tell you when we did the London one for the first time, we did it for a week in London and look what it's become."

Apple executive Eddy Cue on the U.S. iTunes Festival

in New Jersey last weekend, he called out Apple CEO Tim Cook, singing via auto-tune: "Tim Cook, the head of Apple, stop trying to get performers to play your festivals for free, you are rich as (expletive)."

Cue declined to comment on West's criticism.

The iTunes festival in London typically attracts artists like West and Coldplay. Lady Gaga, Elton

John, Justin Timberlake and Katy Perry were among the performers at the Roundhouse Theater last September.

The festival will be streamed live and on-demand through the iTunes store, iTunes radio and on Apple devices.

Cue, Apple's senior vice-president of Internet software and services, said iTunes had long considered having a U.S. counterpart to its U.K. festival, but had struggled to find the right fit. SXSW turned out to be a natural. "It's got a great vibe for music, and it's centrally located, so timing-wise it works well to broadcast across the U.S.," he said.

While Cue didn't say whether the iTunes Festival at SXSW would become an annual event, he pointed to London as an example of how it could grow. "We'll see where it leads us. I can tell you when we did the London one for the first time, we did it for a week in London and look what it's become."

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## Wedding fireworks for Katy and John?

Katy Perry is sending the gossip world into a tizzy by sporting the same diamond ring on a very suspicious finger for the past few days. The first time, we all chalked it up to her being fashionable — but then the singer had the audacity to wear the art-deco-influenced ring yet again at the Elle Style Awards on Tuesday in London. “What does it mmmmmeee-

aaaaannnnn?” your brain is undoubtedly asking, since we are all conditioned to be concerned with this for some reason. We wish we knew — so far both the Perry and John Mayer camps are being mum on the situation. One thing is for sure: The only way she could troll us any harder is if she started wearing a fake baby bump.

## Ellen and Portia don't need a ring to prove their love

Ellen DeGeneres is eager to put to rest rumours circulating in some tabloids that her marriage to Portia De Rossi is on the rocks. “The tabloids had a photo of Portia not wearing her wedding ring. She goes, ‘I didn’t wear it because when I ride horses and I’m holding the reins, it gives me a blister,’” DeGeneres explains to People magazine. “The truth is — and this is corny — I fall more in love with Portia all



Ellen DeGeneres

the time. I really do. She surprises me all the time. It’s what anyone experiences when you find that person that gets you.”

# METRO DISH

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### The Word

**Hey LaBeouf, why don't you #STARTCREATING your own stuff?**

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News in New York

Shia LaBeouf has been all over the tabloids and the blogs and the Twitter lately. But for those who don't follow celebrity gossip on any medium, Shia has them covered too — they just have to look up into the sky.

LaBeouf has taken to skywriting for the third time, hiring planes to write “#STARTCREATING” in the sky above Los Angeles, according to E! Online. His previous messages were “I am sorry Daniel Clowes” and “#STOPCREATING,” both in January.

It's great to have Shia's permission to start making stuff. I hope he follows his own advice, since he's never created anything in particular. LaBeouf's meltdown/art project/generous subsidy to L.A.'s skywriting industry began in December, when his short film, HowardCantour.



com, was revealed to be a ripoff of a Daniel Clowes comic, Justin M. Damiano. Since then, he's tweeted a slew of plagiarized quotes and apologies, hired the aforementioned skywriters, and last week held an “art installation” in which he sat in a room with a paper bag over his head reading “I am not famous anymore” while weeping — which some would say was a ripoff of Marina Abramovic's The Artist is Present.

In case you can't tell, I am heartily sick of this kid — he ripped an artist off, got caught, and he's been trying to reposition his screw-up as art ever since. I would rather see Justin Bieber get an Oscar than hear another word from LaBeouf on the subject.

### Twitter



@ChloeGMoretz

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Stairs are so serious



Patrick Stewart

## Patrick Stewart has a gay old time with Guardian gaffe

At least Patrick Stewart has a decent sense of humour. The former Star Trek: the Next Generation star was misidentified as gay by the Guardian in an article about X-Men co-star Ellen Page's recent coming out. “The third para-

graph ally said,

‘Some gay people, such as Sir Patrick Stewart, think Page's coming out speech is newsworthy.’ This should have read, ‘Some people, such as Sir Patrick Stewart,’ a statement from the newspaper read. Stewart, who married longtime girlfriend Sunny Ozell in September, took it in stride, posting to Twitter, “It makes for a nice change. At least I didn't wake up to the Internet telling me I was dead again.”

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# The runway midway

The fashion industry's finest have flocked to New York and London these past two weeks as part of Fall/Winter 2014 Fashion Month. Before they pick up their passports and jet away on the Paris and Milan legs of the journey, here's a taste of what Metro's gurus of glam have witnessed from fashion's front lines thus far.

## METRO WORLD NEWS

### Tommy Hilfiger (NYC)

The first look? Surprise, surprise, it's plaid. An olive parka, check dress and hiking boots opens the lineup of rugged, outdoorsy looks. The vaguely vintage-flavoured duffle coats, shearling jackets, chunky sweaters, Fair Isle knits and fleece dresses have a sporty athleticism to them that imply Tommy's girls do more than sip hot chocolate inside a lodge.

**Major trends:** Blanket references in the form of dresses, skirts and coats.

**What this will mean for your wardrobe:** Durable, classic winter wear that really does marry fashion and function.



### Marc by Marc Jacobs (NYC)

The autumn/winter '14 girl is all flamboyant sportiness, dressed for a club night in a mix of ninja and BMX gear. Plus all of the sneaker comebacks we've seen in the past year were rendered forgettable thanks to a single shoe in Crayola shades of red and blue that is part raver, part spaceman.

**The major trends:** Plays on volume — blanket-style wraps, layering and wide leg trousers.

**What this will mean for your wardrobe:** Judging by my social media feeds, the shoes were the most memorable takeaway from the show. The more "out there" the sneaker the better.

### Bora Aksu (London)

After a handful of monochrome skirted looks, colour appears in the form of Barbie pink. Think Lolita-meets-Victorian-meets-plastic-fantastic. And get ready to embrace that horrible '90s sequin stretch fabric: it's back, sliced into jackets, waistlines and fishtail pencil skirts. Ponchos and capes are popular up top — only, "floatier" than we've seen them before. Here they're more like mosquito nets. Pretty ones, mind you.

**The playlist:** Lively flamenco with a Carla Bruni interlude.

**The key trends:** Pink, ponchos, A-line skirts



### Issa (London)

The strength, and what unites this collection, with its varying motifs of stamped flowers, bulbous knits and lattice prints, is the size of it all. Everything is big, from the wafting, blanket-like coats that much of the audience is already wearing to the Balenciaga-esque rounded sleeves on outerwear and tops. My standout piece — the wackiest of all the wearable Issa fare — is a zigzag printed monochrome jacket with perfectly curved shoulders.

**The major trends:** Ponchos and oversized, rounded coats.

**What this will mean for your wardrobe in six months' time:** Silhouette is going to factor into your buying purchases more than usual.

### Vivienne Westwood (London)

This show was about vintage Vivienne Westwood Red Label. Even the colour palette is true to the brand name, with a tongue-in-cheek heart-shaped suit. The looks were positively pared-down: a nostalgic retrospective of eras gone by with headscarves, roomy overcoats, and those ubiquitous Westwood cocktail dresses — all very commercially viable with enough of a dash of the Dame's kook.

**The scene:** Vivienne Westwood's faithful friends.

**What this will mean for your wardrobe in six months' time:** Granny chic with headscarves and oversized practical coats.



## Trends Report

Bleached blonde eyebrows may seem odd, but the look was all over the runway at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week this month and even on raunchy popstar Miley Cyrus. Go online to Trends Report to see which top designer opted for this runway look, which also had one reality TV star modeling a nipple-baring top.

- **Online.** Follow Irene on Twitter at @MetrolreneK or Instagram: kuanirene; metronews.ca/voices/trends-report



# Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

**Name:** Kerry

**Age:** 27

**Occupation:** Co-founder, Rockford Peach

**What she's wearing:** Old pilots shearling coat I bought a couple years ago in Kensington (inspired by my Dad), old polo sweater that was cropped, All Saints

pants, Stuart Weitzman boots, vintage belt and bag.

**Her inspiration:**

I dress with instinct, which could very well start with the music that I wake up to. The truth is I like anything that has lived a little bit; clothes that tell a story or move me somehow, and a little oversize never hurt anyone.

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# Make a bedroom you want to lie in

**Snooze control.** Create a cocoon that's perfect for you with designer tips on breaking the usual decorating rules

We're told a well-designed master bedroom should be an oasis of romantic calm. It's also supposed to be the practical place where you store clothing and get a good night's sleep, and it may also be where you watch television, pay bills and even set up a home office.

That's a lot to ask of a single room.

On the bright side, says interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn, you have plenty of decorating freedom. "Since bedrooms are all about self-expression and comforts," he says, "you can break the rules as much as you want."

We've asked Flynn, founder of Flynnside Out Productions, and two other design experts — Betsy Burnham of Burnham Design and Molly Luetkemeyer of M. Design Interiors — for tips on breaking those rules with style to create the ultimate master bedroom.

## Only the calmest colours

Forget trendy shades or your favourite bright colours. Burnham advises sticking to a soothing palette of ivory and white, evoking a luxury hotel room. "You can layer colour into that if you want to," she says.

If your idea of peace and quiet involves deeper colours, Flynn suggests navy blues or

black-brown tones.

And if you really want bolder colour or patterns, Luetkemeyer recommends using a single pattern throughout your bedroom. This "en suite" look involves using the same fabric for curtains and bedspread, and even covering the walls in the same pattern. "Even a busy pattern won't feel too chaotic if you're consistent" in using it throughout the room, she says.

## Big beds in small rooms

Think your medium-size or small bedroom can't handle a gorgeous four-poster bed? Burnham says a bed like that can serve as "a statement piece" that brings lots of style. It actually frees up space, because you won't need any extra decorative pieces of furniture for pizzazz.

Flynn agrees, as long as the bedroom isn't extremely small and the nightstands are in proportion. One of his pet peeves is a large bed flanked by tiny tables, which can make the tables look like they belong in a dollhouse.

## Soften everything

These designers are seeing a trend toward upholstered beds and headboards, and even upholstery fabric used on walls.

"It's this idea that you're being completely cocooned and buffered from the world," Luetkemeyer says. For some clients, she has also upholstered the inside of armoires or other storage pieces to create a complete sense of softness.

With softness in mind,



Designer Brian Patrick Flynn layered his windows with black-out shades from Texton and custom drapery panels lined with blackout liner in his own bedroom in Los Angeles, to help control noise from busy, nightlife-centric Sunset Boulevard and light from the bright California sun. ZEKE RUELAS/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flynn suggests using more than one layer of window treatment: "I usually layer black-out shades with custom, pleated drapery panels," he says. "This softens the hard edges of the room, helps with noise control and also allows the homeowner to sleep in as late as they want."

If you're worried that all that softness will make the room too feminine, Burnham suggests adding just a few sharper, cleaner lines for balance. Choose sleek, mid-century vintage lamps to place on either side of an upholstered bed.

## Banish electronics

It may sound radical, but Luetkemeyer hears from clients now that they're ready to remove the TV and all gadgets from their bedrooms. "People are saying, 'I'm in such overload all day long, and I'm reachable within an inch of myself. I want to have one place where it's really mine.'"

If you have a desk in your bedroom, consider relocating it. And try plugging in your phone and other gadgets somewhere else in your home at night so you won't be tempted to check them.

## Skip nightstands

Flynn suggests using 30-inch-tall dressers or chests instead of traditional nightstands: "I'll hit up flea markets and find two different chests with very similar proportions," he says, using these less expensive pieces to flank a more expensive custom headboard or platform bed.

Luetkemeyer agrees that closed storage at bedside is a wise move for most people. It keeps necessities handy, but hides clutter to make your sleeping area look organized even when it isn't.

## Pendants and sconces instead of table lamps

Chandeliers are often used in dining rooms and entryways to add glamour and drama. Flynn's tip? They "work just as well in bedrooms."

"I often install pendant lights over nightstands instead of using table lamps," he says, "especially if the headboard is tall and dramatic. Whenever possible, I try to use sculptural pendants which introduce interesting shapes to the room and I always, 100 per cent of the time, install them on dimmers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Stefano serves a cutlet above the rest

"Veal cutlets were in regular dinner rotation at home when I was young," writes Stefano Faita in his book *In the Kitchen with Stefano Faita*. "I was always so amazed at how quickly my mom made them and got them on the table — they cook up in no time."

"Serve your cutlets with a light side dish, such as sautéed cherry tomatoes (the recipe is

## FLASH FOOD



From your fridge  
to your table in  
30 minutes or less

right here!), or put a cutlet on a bun with some marinated artichokes. Yum!"

**1.** To make the Breaded Veal Cutlets: Prepare a breading station by arranging 3 shallow dishes or pie plates with the following: flour in the first; eggs beaten with milk in the second; and bread crumbs, Parmesan and herbs stirred together in the third.

**2.** Season veal with salt and pepper. Dredge cutlets first in flour, then in egg mixture and lastly in bread crumb mixture.

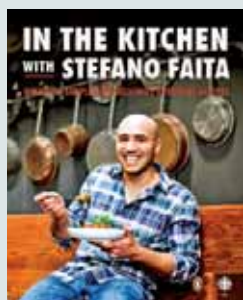
**3.** In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter with oil. When oil is hot, add cutlets and brown on each side, 3 to 5 minutes per side.

**4.** While cutlets are cooking, make the Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes: In a large sauté pan, melt butter over medium-high heat. When butter is golden brown, add tomatoes. Sprinkle them with sugar and season with salt and pepper. Increase heat to high and sauté tomatoes, stirring gently, until they start to soften and skins begin to wrinkle, about 5 minutes. Add the parsley, marjoram and thyme, mix well and remove from heat.

**5.** Serve cutlets with Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes. **RECIPES FROM IN THE KITCHEN WITH STEFANO FAITA BY STEFANO FAITA. COPYRIGHT CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION/STEFANO FAITA INC., 2013. REPRINTED BY PERMISSION OF PENGUIN CANADA BOOKS INC.**

## Cookbook of the Week

### Effortless and delicious meals



Stefano Faita goes from the wildly popular TV show *In the Kitchen with Stefano Faita* to an easy-to-follow and beautifully photographed book of the same name. The collection includes Faita's favourite easy-to-make recipes from the series as well as extra trips, recipe notes and substitutions.

The book covers everything from breakfast and dinner to salads, snacks, desserts and more. Among the specific recipes are: Buttermilk Fried Chicken, Mango Cabbage Slaw, Cajun Home Fries and more.

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TOTAL  
COOKING  
ABOUT 30  
MINUTES

This recipe serves four. PHOTOS LEILA ASHTARI

## Ingredients

### Breaded Veal Cutlets

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) all-purpose flour
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh or dry bread crumbs

### crumbs

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) grated Parmesan
- 2 tsp (10 ml) chopped fresh herbs, such as sage or rosemary
- 4 large veal cutlets, pounded 1/4 inch (5 mm) thick

- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil

### Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) butter
- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) vine-ripened

### cherry tomatoes

- 1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) each chopped fresh Italian parsley, marjoram, thyme



This recipe makes 16 to 18 servings.

## Appetizer. Prosciutto, Pear and Arugula Rolls

**1.** Stir together cream cheese and Gorgonzola until well combined. Spoon a dollop of cheese mixture on each slice of prosciutto. Top with a few arugula

leaves, a slice of pear and chopped walnuts, if desired. Roll up. Secure with toothpicks, if desired. Just before serving, drizzle with balsamic glaze.

## Ingredients

- 4 oz (115 g) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 5 oz (140 g) Gorgonzola cheese, crumbled
- 16 to 18 thin slices prosciutto
- 2 handfuls of arugula

- 1 ripe pear, such as Bartlett, cut into 16 to 18 slices
- Handful of chopped walnuts, toasted (optional)
- Balsamic glaze or aged balsamic vinegar, for drizzling

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# NEUTRAL HUES MAY LURE BUYERS

A fresh coat of paint can work wonders to update the look and feel of your home. That's one reason why taking up the brush and roller is often a recommended upgrade when selling. And when it comes to colour, more often than not, your real estate agent will recommend neutral hues.

"The reason we recommend neutrals is that we want prospective homebuyers to picture themselves living in the home," says Carla Bouchard, a broker with Royal LePage Metro. "A pallet that is too strong may not be to everyone's taste — and yet today's neutrals are giving us many more options beyond the typical beige."

Bouchard points out that neutrals today have a lighter touch with a slight shift toward pastels. These colours are popping up in textiles, countertops and carpets, and can be a great complement to furnishings and art.

She recommends the following tactics to choose paint colours to rejuvenate your

surroundings and do the heavy lifting should you decide to sell your home.

Select a shade drawn from prominently displayed artwork, accessory or furnishings. Doing so will ensure that your home is one step closer to "show time" if and when you decide to sell.

Consider adjacent rooms. Think about how your chosen colour will interact with adjacent rooms. Strive for complimentary hues from a colour wheel to provide natural flow from room to room.

Consider what time of day the room will be most often used. While you may be tempted to paint a basement room a bright sunny yellow, if the room is to be used most often in the evening, hues of blue, green or grey may be more appropriate.

Bring home a paint sample or oversized paint chip. Make an informed choice and consider how it looks in your room, and under various lighting conditions, before you commit.

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# Humph Day in Sochi

## Women's bobsled.

Canadian duo successfully defends its title won in Vancouver

Kaillie Humphries arrived at the start house for her final bobsled run at the Sochi Games not knowing how much time she needed to make up to catch the leaders.

Her brakeman, Heather Moyse, knew but wasn't saying. She wanted her pilot to worry about her own run and not the clock.

"I just looked at her and I said, 'It's possible,'" Moyse said. "That's all Kaillie needed to know, that the gap wasn't closed but it was possible."

Humphries visualized the 17-turn track in her mind and set out to nail another consistent run. She delivered just that Wednesday night and it was enough to give them a second straight women's Olympic bobsled title, the first duo to achieve that goal.

"When I don't know times, I mean, ignorance is bliss," Humphries said.

The Canada 1 sled had a gap of 11-100ths of a second to close entering the final run. Moyse delivered with a strong push at the start, then Humphries took over from there.

Both were elated at the finish and satisfied knowing they did everything they could.

"For both of us to know we pushed the hardest we

could have possibly pushed, I drove the track the very best that I knew how, when we got out of the sled on that fourth run both her and I — without even having to really say anything — knew that we had done everything in our power," Humphries said.

With at least a silver locked up, they had a nervous two-minute wait in the finish area as Elana Meyers and Lauryn Williams completed their final run.

"I never wish bad on people but I was thinking, 'Just make a few mistakes, please,'" Humphries said.

Humphries, from Calgary, and Moyse, from Summerside, P.E.I., finished with a four-run time of three minutes 50.61 seconds. Meyers and Williams were second in 3:50.71.

The United States also won bronze, with Jamie Greubel and Aja Evans finishing a full second off the lead in 3:51.61. Edmonton's Jenny Ciochetti and Chelsea Valois of Zenon Park, Sask., were 13th in the Canada 2 sled in 3:54.49.

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### Quoted

**"Winning gold is amazing, but walking away satisfied is better. After the third run I knew that if we did the business we could be on top."**

Kaillie Humphries on overcoming a time deficit to win the women's bobsled.



Kaillie Humphries, front, and Heather Moyse celebrate a successful run during the women's bobsled competition on Wednesday in Sochi, Russia. The duo repeated as Olympic champions. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

## Jones pushing for Olympic clean sweep



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Jennifer Jones jumped for joy, her arms and broom triumphantly in the air. And why not?

The Winnipeg skip, wearing gold eye shadow, swept into the Olympic gold-medal curling game with a string of late, big-money shots Wednesday to edge Britain 6-4 and improve her record at the Ice Cube Curl-

ing Center to 10-0.

Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen stepped up when it mattered to dispose of 2013 world champion Eve Muirhead in an edge-of-your-seat Olympic semifinal.

"I'm so proud of us," Jones said. "I thought we came out

and played lights out today."

Now only Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson stands in the way of the Jones juggernaut.

"It's crazy to think that we're going to be on that podium, I'm not going to lie," said a smiling Jones, who clapped her hands in celebration as she arrived to talk to reporters.

Canada also has a chance of winning gold in men's curling.

Brad Jacobs' team advanced to the men's championship game with a 10-6 win over China's Rui Liu in the semifinals Wednesday.

Britain's David Murdoch awaits in Friday's final.

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# Hey Yzerman, 'you're lucky'

## Goalier than thou.

Lightning prospect stands on his head in front of future GM as Latvians almost slay Goliath in Sochi

As Kristers Gudlevskis turned aside shot after shot, Sidney Crosby and his teammates wondered what it would take to beat the Latvian goaltender. "Besides picking the puck up and throwing it in the net, what could you tell someone to do in those situations?" Crosby said.

Team Canada didn't quite have to resort to that, surviving a historic upset bid by Latvia with a 2-1 win in the quarter-finals of the Olympics on the strength of a late power-play goal by Shea Weber.

Despite Gudlevskis making 55 saves on 57 shots, coach Mike Babcock didn't sense any uneasiness on his bench. It's his hope that being in a tight, frustrating game will help Canada as it advances to face the rival Americans in the semifinals Friday.

"We just thought if we kept doing it, we'd get our chances, we'd get a break, we'd score a goal," Babcock said. "Did I want to win 7-1? Absolutely. Do I think it's better for my team that we won the way we did? For sure."

The next one looks tougher on paper than any of Canada's first four games in Sochi. At first glance, a matchup against 11th-seeded Latvia didn't seem like it would be much of a test for the gold-medal favourites.

Canada, Babcock insisted, did not take Latvia lightly. Watching coach Ted Nolan's group eliminate Switzerland should have been enough of a wake-up call.

Still, it was hard to expect this. After Patrick Sharp gave Canada a lead at the 13:37 mark of the first period, it looked like Gudlevskis



## Game of his life



"We were disappointed, because we tried to make

a miracle today and we just couldn't do it."

Latvia's Kristers Gudlevskis, who stopped 55 shots and gave hockey fans across Canada cause for major concern on Wednesday afternoon.

## Questionable call

## C'mon ref!

It looked like Canada took the lead 8:27 into the third, but a controversial call kept it 1-1. Jonathan Toews and Patrick Marleau got the puck to the goal-line and almost over, but Latvia defenceman Kristaps Sotnieks gloved it to keep it out.

The ruling was that the puck did not fully cross the line, and Canada did not get a penalty shot because that cannot be awarded on review.

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## Americans up next



"They're obviously the favourite coming into the tournament, and we've opened up a lot of eyes with our play, but we have more in the tank to give and to show."

Max Pacioretty on the looming rematch of the 2010 gold-medal game with Canada. Pacioretty's Americans notched a 5-2 win over the Czech Republic on Wednesday. Canada and the U.S. meet in the semifinal on Friday.

wouldn't get beat again and the frustration crept in.

"It can get to you, I think, a little bit," winger Patrick Marleau said. "But you just got to keep persisting and think that next one's going to go in."

It didn't help that most of the game elapsed with a tie score after Lauris Darzins got a breakaway and beat Carey Price two minutes after Sharp's goal. And it didn't help that Canada played almost two full periods without John Tavares, who was hit by Arturs Kulda and is out for the rest of the tournament with a knee injury.

A controversial no-goal call in the third period that could have led to a Canadian penalty shot only added to the drama.

All the while, Canada had Gudlevskis and the Latvians under siege but couldn't break

through. It's one thing to squeeze the sticks a little too tight, but another one altogether to have a goalie looking like a brick wall.

"Coming into this tournament we talked about facing adversity," defenceman Duncan Keith said. "There was a little bit there throughout this game. We didn't want to get frustrated with the score being tied."

Told he scared the entire country of Canada on Wednesday night, Gudlevskis said: "I hope so." Asked what he'd say to Team Canada executive director and Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman, the 21-year-old responded: "You're lucky."

In Nolan's eyes, Canada was lucky to take the lead at 13:06 of the third after a slashing penalty was called on Geor-

## Cross-border semi No. 2



"I think the Russian team will win."

Marts making a prediction after his team's 5-0 win over Slovenia, but before the Russia-Finland quarter-final. Finland coach Erkki Westerlund said "no comment" when asked for his reaction to what Marts said, and Finn forward Olli Jokinen added: "I don't really care." The Scandinavian rivals meet in the semifinals Friday.

gijis Pujacs. But Babcock saw it more as the following-through on a game plan.

"We just thought we were going to win," he said. "We just talked about being patient and staying the course, not getting in a hurry, not forcing anything. If we did that we thought we'd be fine, and in the end we were."

That was one lesson Canada gleaned from this scare and almost joining the 2002 Swedish team that lost to Belarus in Salt Lake City in an infamous chapter of the Olympic history books: Winning matters more at this stage than how it happens.

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## 'You never know'

## Russian hopes Finn-ished

After Russia's men's hockey loss in the quarter-finals to Finland, most of Russia's players rushed through a mixed zone with TV cameras and reporters without stopping, waving off requests to verbalize their disappointment in losing their medal chances in the Sochi Games.

The players who did stop were brief. And Finland, not surprisingly, had a little more to say, with many sentiments summed up by forward Teemu Selanne:

"The experts are wrong many times — and I love it."

Still, as happy as the Finns were, they did show some sympathy for a Russian team that was carrying such high expectations.

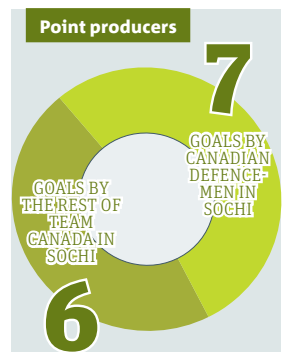
Selanne: "I'm a little bit sad also for them. Obviously, they had a big dream to win the gold medal here and then it doesn't work so it's kind of disappointing in many ways because that would be a great story. But again, it's proving to the hockey world that you never know."

Russia's Alex Ovechkin only had this to say: "No emotion right now."

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Russian hockey fans at the end of Russia's loss to Finland on Wednesday in Sochi. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS







Caroline Ouellette is one of three Canadian players who are in pursuit of their fourth Olympic gold medal. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

# Seasoned Canadians to face off with speedy U.S.

## Women's hockey.

Canuck squad will rely on leadership of vets when they take on rivals

To win a fourth straight Olympic gold medal, the Canadian women's hockey team must leverage its big-game experience up front to overcome the superior speed of the United States.

Canada's dozen forwards have a combined 18 previous appearances at the Winter Olympics among them compared to seven among the American forwards.

On defence, previous Winter Games experience is equal between the two countries. Both sides possess seasoned goaltenders.

Thursday's final at the Bolshoy Ice Dome is about executing in a vice of pressure for both countries.

The U.S. wants to reclaim

## Who to watch

A quick look at the players in the women's hockey final between Canada and the U.S.:

### Canada

- **Marie-Philip Poulin.** Scored both of Canada's goals in the 2010 final.
- **Hayley Wickenheiser.** Six-time Olympian proving in this tournament she hasn't

lost a step.

- **Catherine Ward.** Canada needs her poise and puck skills on an inexperienced defence.

### United States

- **Amanda Kessel.** Sister of Toronto Maple Leafs forward Phil Kessel and linemates Brianna Decker

and Kendall Coyne lead the tournament in scoring.

- **Hilary Knight.** Forward was the best player for the U.S. in four straight pre-Sochi wins over Canada.

- **Jessie Vetter.** The U.S. has beaten Canada in four of the last five world championship finals with Vetter in net.

the gold it won in 1998 and this year's team is young and relentless.

If there is a crack in their armour, it was revealed in Canada's 3-2 victory in the preliminary round. Taking a 1-0 lead into the third period, the Americans lost their composure when Canada equalized early in the second and pulled ahead less than two minutes later.

So it will be up to three-time

gold medallists Caroline Ouellette, Hayley Wickenheiser and Jayna Hefford, as well as third-time Olympians Meghan Agosta-Marciano and Gillian Apps to shepherd Canada through the defining moment or moments of the gold-medal game.

"I can bring some things to the table, but don't kid yourself," coach Kevin Dineen said. "I'm going to lean a little bit

on Caroline Ouellette, Jayna Hefford, Hayley Wickenheiser and Gillian Apps. Great players who have been in an Olympics or two. They've sat in this seat before."

Canada's win over the U.S. in the round-robin ended a four-game losing streak against the Americans, but it doesn't necessarily give Canada the upper hand Thursday.

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## Biathlon

### Bjoerndalen sets new winter medal mark with 13

In a fitting way to mark becoming the most decorated Winter Olympian ever, Ole Einar Bjoerndalen ensured his record 13th medal was gold Wednesday when he helped Norway win the first Olympic mixed relay in biathlon.

Bjoerndalen broke the total medals record he previously shared with retired cross-country skier great Bjoern Daehlie, and also matched the fellow Norwegian's mark of eight golds. Bjoerndalen won gold earlier at the Sochi Olympics in the men's sprint biathlon.

Daehlie won eight gold, four silver and no bronze medals; Bjoerndalen's haul is now 8-4-1.

The 40-year-old Bjoerndalen can win another medal in the last men's biathlon event in Sochi, the 4x7.5K relay on Saturday.

Norway's victory came one day after Bjoerndalen missed out on a medal chance in the 15K mass start event, when he was in fourth position before missing four targets in his final shooting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NHL. Rested Oilers look to pick up where they left off before Olympic break

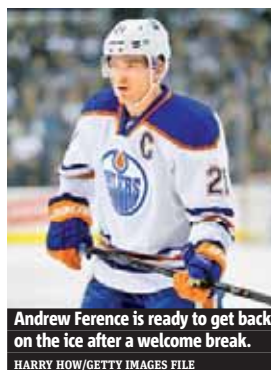
The Edmonton Oilers returned to the ice Wednesday after 12 days off for the Olympic break, several of them with red faces either from sun tanning or the hard bike riding that was part of the mini training camp/conditioning session they were put through.

"It feels a lot shorter than it was," said veteran defenceman Andrew Ference, who spent part of the break with his family in Canmore, Alta., visiting former Olympians Thomas Grandt and Sara Renner. "But it's a really good chance to get rid of all the little aches and pains."

Ference said it has to be remembered that with back-to-back condensed seasons — last year because of the lockout — players need the break both mentally and physically.

"The last calendar year I think I played 110 or 120 games, so it's a much welcomed break."

It was a break that came with the Oilers suddenly having found their game in the midst of another disastrous, non-playoff season. They went into the Olympic break having won five of their previous seven



Andrew Ference is ready to get back on the ice after a welcome break. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES FILE

games — one of the losses was in overtime — and outscoring their opponents 18-12.

Their previous 10 games before the break showed them at 5-3-2, a record that put them in the middle of the pack, unlike the 29th place they are in with their overall record of 20-33-7.

"It is tough from that aspect," forward Jordan Eberle said of the untimely break. "Some of the GMs around the league have been complaining, some of the teams were going well and then you get this break. It's almost like a new season starting."

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## MEDALS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot.
United States of America	7	5	11	23
Russian Federation	6	9	7	22
Netherlands	6	7	9	22
Norway	9	4	7	20
Canada	5	9	4	18
Germany	8	3	4	15

## WHAT CANADA DID

### WEDNESDAY

#### ALPINE SKIING

**Men's Giant Slalom** — Trevor Philp of Calgary was the top Canadian after the two runs, placing 25th (two minutes 49.55 seconds, +4.26 seconds). Phil Brown of Toronto was 29th (2:49.91) and Morgan Priddy of Whistler, B.C., was 33rd (2:51.96).

#### BIATHLON

**2x6km Women + 2x7.5 km Men Mixed Relay** — The Canadian team of Megan Imrie (Falcon Lake, Man.), Rosanna Crawford (Canmore, Alta.), Brendan Green (Hay River, N.W.T.) and Scott Perras (Regina), finished 12th with a time of one hour, 13 minutes and 27.7 seconds, four minutes and 10.7 seconds behind gold medallist Norway.

#### BOBSLEIGH

**Women's** — Kaillie Humphries (Calgary) and Heather Moyse (Summerside, P.E.I.), successfully defended their gold medal with a four-run time of three minutes 50.61 seconds, erasing a 0.23 deficit going into the final two runs to beat United States 1 by a tenth-of-a-second. Jennifer Ciochetti (Edmonton) and Chelsea Valois (Zenon Park, Sask.) placed 13th (3:54.49).

#### CROSS-COUNTRY

**Ladies' Team Sprint Classic Semifinal** — Daria Galazova (Banff, Alta.) and Perianne Jones (Almonte, Ont.) were fifth out of the nine teams in their group and did not advance.

**Men's Team Sprint Classic Semifinals** — Alex Harvey (St. Ferreol-les-Neiges, Que.) and Devon Kershaw (Sudbury, Ont.) were sixth out of 11 teams in their group and did not advance.

#### CURLING

**Women's Semifinal** — Canada defeated Great Britain 6-4 and plays Sweden in the gold medal match on Thursday.

**Men's Semifinal** — Canada defeated China 10-6 and will face Great Britain for the gold medal on Friday.

### FIGURE SKATING

**Ladies Short Program** — Kaetlyn Osmond (Sherwood Park, Alta.) placed 13th with 56.18 points and Gabrielle Daleman (Newmarket, Ont.) was 19th with 52.61 going into Thursday's free program.

### ICE HOCKEY

**Men's Quarter-final** — Canada defeated Latvia 2-1 and will play the U.S. in the semifinal game on Friday.

### SNOWBOARD

**Ladies' Parallel Giant Slalom** — Marianne Leeson (Burlington, Ont.) placed 5th overall, Caroline Calve (Aylmer, Que.) took 6th and Ariane Lavigne (Lac-Supérieur, Que.) was 8th. Each lost their quarter-final race.

**Men's Parallel Giant Slalom** — Defending gold medallist Jasey Jay Anderson, of Mont-Tremblant, Que., and Matt Morison of Burketon, Ont., made it through qualifying but were eliminated in the next round. Michael Lambert of Toronto failed to make it through qualifying. Anderson placed 14th overall, Morison 15th and Lambert 27th.

### SPEED SKATING

**Ladies' 5000 m** — Ivanie Blondin of Ottawa placed 14th overall with a time of seven minutes 20.10 seconds, 28.56 seconds behind gold medallist Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic.

## CURLING

At Sochi, Russia  
All Times Eastern

### MEN

Wednesday's results

#### SEMIFINALS

Canada 10 China 6

Britain 6 Sweden 5

Tuesday's results

#### TIEBREAKER

Britain 6 Norway 5

Friday's games

#### BRONZE MEDAL

Sweden vs. China, 3:30 a.m.

#### GOLD MEDAL

Britain vs. Canada, 8:30 a.m.

### WOMEN

Wednesday's results

#### SEMIFINALS

Canada 6 Britain 4

Sweden 7 Switzerland 5

### Thursday's games

#### BRONZE MEDAL

Britain vs. Switzerland, 3:30 a.m.

#### GOLD MEDAL

Canada vs. Sweden, 8:30 a.m.

## HOCKEY

All Times Eastern

### MEN

Wednesday's results

#### QUARTERFINALS

Canada 2 Latvia 1

Sweden 5 Slovenia 0

Finland 3 Russia 1

United States 5 Czech Republic 2

Friday's games

#### SEMIFINALS

Sweden at Finland, 7 a.m.

Canada at United States, 12 p.m.

#### Saturday's game

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Semifinal losers, 10 a.m.

#### Sunday's game

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Semifinal winners, 7 a.m.

## CANADA 2, LATVIA 1

### First Period

1. Canada, Sharp 1 (Nash) 13:37.

2. Latvia, Darzins 1 (Kulda, Sprukts) 15:41.

**Penalties** — Sharp Cda (tripping) 6:18, Keith Cda (broken stick) 16:02.

### Second Period

No Scoring.

**Penalties** — Girgensons Lat (slashing) 5:37, St. Louis Cda (slashing) 10:21, Ozolinsh Lat (high-sticking) 19:33.

### Third Period

3. Canada, Weber 1 (Doughty, Toews) 13:06 (pp).

**Penalties** — Pujacs Lat (slashing) 11:09.

### Shots

Latvia 6 5 5-16

Canada 16 19 22-57

**Goal** — Latvia: Gudlevskis (L); Canada: Price (W). **Power plays (goal-chances)** — Latvia: 0-3; Canada: 1-3.

**Referees** — Tim Peel, Jyri Ronn. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Sakari Suominen.

**Attendance** — 9,825 at Sochi, Russia.

### WOMEN

Thursday's games

#### BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Switzerland at Sweden, 7 a.m.

#### GOLD MEDAL GAME

Canada at United States, 12 p.m.

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# Horoscopes

## Aries

March 21 - April 20

There are a lot of things you need to consider, things that may be of benefit to you in the not too distant future, so don't waste your time socializing when you should be thinking.

## Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Aim to make new friends over the next 24 hours, especially with people whose interests are in some way out of the ordinary. It's not true that Taurus is old-fashioned. In fact, you can be a bit of a rebel.

## Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You will come under pressure today, especially at work where someone in a position of authority will do their best to make life miserable for you. Stay cool and don't let them provoke you.

## Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It is time to move on, with no regrets, no backward glances and no promises that if things don't work out you can always go back. Draw a line in the sand, step across it and embrace the new you.

## Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It will pay you to be ruthless today, especially when dealing with people who always seem to get more out of your relationship than you. Look tough, talk tough and, when the time comes, act tough too.

## Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It may seem as if you're dancing to everyone's tune. Why is that bad? Sometimes it's nice to sit back and let others worry about where to go and what to do next.

## Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Stop worrying about all the little things that may or may not be going wrong and concentrate on the one big thing you would most like to go right. Focus your mind power in a single direction.

## Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Put your own interests first. The Sun in Pisces is giving you a boost of confidence, so make the most of it and make sure everyone knows where you are coming from and what you intend to do.

## Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

As the Sun is moving through the domestic area of your chart it will pay you to focus more on family members than on yourself or your work.

## Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Let people know what is on your mind today. If you keep your thoughts to yourself you will not only feel isolated but you will miss out on a chance to influence the great debate.

## Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Limit spending to essentials today. You know how easy it is to reach into your pocket and find cash for this or that but if you do that now you may have nothing left for the weekend.

## Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

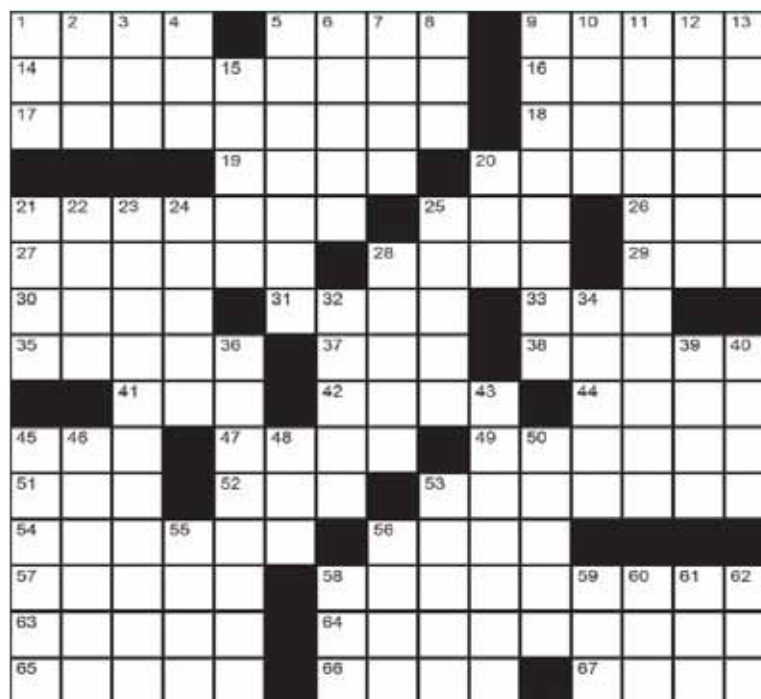
Make the most of the Sun in your sign to do something out of the ordinary, something that makes the world sit up and take notice. Don't worry that what you do may be seen as "controversial" — the more people you offend the better.

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# Crossword: Canada Across and Down

## Across

- SOCHI 2014 - Ice Hockey venue, Bolshoy Ice \_\_\_\_
- Military cap
- Derek & The Dominos song
- Inuit language
- Dainty cases
- Contemporary creation: 2 wds.
- SOCHI 2014 - Rus-Ski \_\_\_\_ Ski Jumping Center
- SOCHI 2014 - 'I' of IOC [abbr.]
- "You Needed Me" bit: "\_\_\_\_ a tear..."
- Fifty Shades of Grey novelist, \_\_\_\_
- Ford product
- See, in Dutch
- Author, \_\_\_\_ May Alcott
- \_\_\_\_ fide
- Elevs.
- 17th-century sailor, Captain \_\_\_\_
- Unique
- Caesar's 1051
- Choler
- Fire: French
- Canadian guitarist renowned for Mediterranean music
- Time
- Fruit-filled pastry
- Singer Mr. Cruz
- Seed holder
- Search
- Actor Mr. Hauer
- Pre-afternoon hrs.



- \_\_\_\_ excellence
- Go to a restaurant: 2 wds.
- Relishes: 2 wds.
- Examination
- "That was \_\_\_\_!" (I had fun!)
- Body of water for Saint Petersburg, Russia: 2 wds.

- "Do you get the birthday \_\_\_\_ sent?"
- "We Were Born to Glory" Canadian singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
- Shakira album: "Donde \_\_\_\_ los Ladrones?"
- Formal gr.

- Leave out
- Faint
- Yoko's surname
- Soaked soil
- Barely get by
- Actor Greg
- Les \_\_\_\_-Unis (United States, in French)
- Knitting stitch

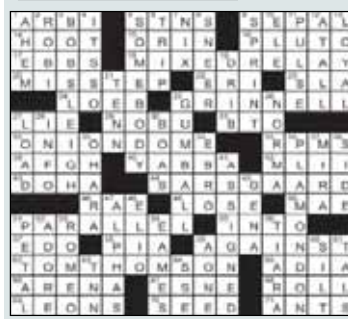
- Addams Family relative
- Painful 'pin' problem: 2 wds.
- 'Origin' suffix
- Doctor played by Omar Sharif: 2 wds.
- Appreciate something: 2 wds.
- Digressions

See today's answers at [metronews.ca/answers](http://metronews.ca/answers).

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- Pares
- Sir McKellen link
- "Hot in Cleveland" role
- Meat cut
- SOCHI 2014 - Figure Skating, for example: 2 wds.
- Helpful human
- Heart: French
- Crack
- Following
- Coffee order
- Boney M. disco hit
- Stead
- \_\_\_\_ cloud, as per Astronomy
- Soap opera star Mr. Rogers
- Royal residence
- "Mutual of \_\_\_\_ Wild Kingdom"
- The Raven writer's monogram
- Up to
- Quebec's flag symbol, Fleur-\_\_\_\_ [var. sp.]
- Pop
- Artsy spot in New Mexico
- Undergarment
- Mountain basin
- "...or \_\_\_\_ thought."
- Dawn goddess
- Promos

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## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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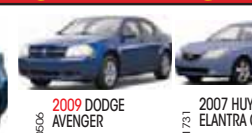
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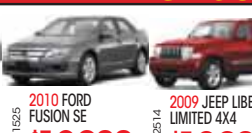
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**SUNDANCE MAZDA**

**THIS WEEK ONLY!**

FREE OIL CHANGE PACKAGE  
WITH EVERY NEW  
VEHICLE PURCHASE!

**Deals So Great  
We Can't Print  
Them!**

**DO NOT PAY FOR 90 DAYS\* & DISCOUNTS OF UP TO \$7000  
ON SELECT 2013 MODELS**

2013  
MAZDA3 GX  
#12383D



2013  
MAZDA3  
SPORT GX  
#11806

Automatic  
with A/C!!

was	CASH PRICE	\$0 down
<del>\$17,865</del>	<b>\$13,865</b>	ON <b>\$93</b> B/W

was	NOW	\$0 down
<del>\$21,570</del>	<b>\$17,570</b>	ON <b>\$99</b> B/W

**0%**  
**UP TO 84  
MONTHS  
ON SELECT  
2013 MODELS**

2014 MAZDA  
CX-5  
#C1591



Cancelled fleet order, deals so good  
we aren't allowed to print them!!!

2013 MAZDA  
CX-9  
# 52347D



All Wheel  
Drive!

was	NOW	\$0 down
<del>\$39,210</del>	<b>\$33,995</b>	<b>\$199</b> B/W

2013 MAZDA  
MX-5  
#32487D



Free Storage  
all Spring!

was	CASH PRICE	ON
<del>\$31,045</del>	<b>\$23,995</b>	<b>\$165</b> B/W

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